### The Evening Sea.

Dim sheet of lucid splendor, seen afar,
What mem'ries bring'st thon of that happy past,
When on thy brink we children peobles cast.
Or mared our stud-tow'rs for thy waves to mar!
Mysterious to us men thy beauties are;
Fair hopes, unutterable types thou hast
Of higher, nobler aims, long to outlast
Earth's mean ambitions. Now, a lonely star
Floats through the deep'ning azure, as 'twould
guide

guide
Vague human longings to a Better Land.
Sparkles the sea beneath in joyous pride.
And all my pulses spurn this mortal strand.
But night draws night what life-work can I show?
Hopeful, contented, fumble home, I go.

There stands an oak, a strong and sturdy tree,
On yonder billside, where the winds that blow—
The storms that beat against its branches so—
Have shaped them in a fashion weird to see;
Twisted and warped are they, yet wild and free.
Stern winter yields his throne to merry soring,
And chirping, flattering birds, on tireless wing,
Are chossing where their little homes shall be.
Where, think you, hides the safest nest at last?
Though fairer branches did their best to please,
The rough old oak tree holds it firm and fast—
Most sheltered, happy home in all the trees!
Thus love, sometimes, doth choose, 'mid all the
rests.

To build in some rough heart her little nest,

## Decadence of Hawrian Forests,

EDITOR SATURDAY PRESS: There is one thing of vital importance to this country to which we desire to call attention. We refer to the rapid decadence of our forest timber. We cannot notice the extent of the damage done in a single year, but by looking back a decade, or even half a decade, the casual observer will readily perceive with what startling rapidity the process of denudation is going on. Thousands of square miles of valuable territory in different parts of the world have been converted into deserts through the destruction of timber. It is axiomatic of nations as well as of individuals that experience is a better teacher than precedent; that precedent is in fact no teacher at all. But it would be the part of wisdom, with the numerous lessons before us, to take time by the forelock and avert the danger while yet we may.

In passing through any of our forests we notice that many of the large trees are dying and that few young ones are growing to fill their places. What causes the death of so many of the larger treessome varieties more than others-we do not know; but the destruction of the young timber is caused principally by the large numbers of cattle and goats now roaming at large in the mountains. It is not the forest trees of Oahu alone that are thus affected; the same is unfortunately true of all the Islands. There is not enough timber convenient of access to supply wood for fuel and common domestic purposes, and the constantly increasing demand will cause a relative increase in value. This is a matter which should engage the earnest attention of the Government and of individual citizens. The peculiarly favorable location of this group of islands and the altitude of its mountains enables us, with a few hours' travel, to find all climates from tropical to semi-artic. There are few varieties of timber that would not flourish on these Islands if planted and allowed to have a good start, and with the prospective demand for timber its culture would certainly prove a profitable venture. The coast redwood of California, which furnishes us with our main supply of lumber, should grow well near the tops of our mountains which are almost perpetually enveloped in clouds. The home of the redwood is in the heavy fogs of the Pacific Coast of the United States. Many other valuable timber trees might be introduced here with profit. From some of these which are of slow growth little profit could be derived for many years; but there are several varieties, as the cottonwood of California, which grows with great rapidity and requires little attention, that would, in a short time, more than reimburse all outlay in the planting of them, if used for fuel alone. Several valuable species of indigenous trees-the koa, ohia, sardal wood and others-which are now disappearing, could and should be seeded in the mountains and their growth encouraged. But if any care at all were taken of the young shoots that come up every year, all the available space would soon be covered with

young timber. The Japanese, Chinese and other Oriental nations know the value of timber and never allow their forests to die out. Every tree that is destroyed must be replaced by another, and in many places in the former country whole forests (small ones) of trees of all ages from one year up may be seen growing, the old trees, as fast as they are used, being replaced by young ones, Many parts of Northern Africa and Central Asia, once fertile and covered with timber, are now barren, desolate, treeless deserts, their only verdure being the short-lived grasses and weeds that grow during the rainy season. Whole islands in the West Indies have become depopulated deserts from the same cause. Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and the sarrounding region was covered with valuable forest timber when first set-tled by Europeans, but the white man's axe converted it into the cheerless, treeless waste of drifting sand which it now is The same process of tree extermination is going on in all parts of the United States and in other countries now blessed with extensive forests. It is only in those parts of the United States where there were no forests that tree culture is assuming any great proportions, and it is succeeding so well, that probably by the time the mounoriginally treeless plains and large valleys

will be able to supply their own demand.

The rapidity of the growth of most trees that have been introduced in these Islands as for instance the algaroba or mesquit and the eucalyptus, lead us to believe that with proper attention, we might in time become largely independent of the world for our supply of timber for building and all other purposes. This matter should receive the immediate attention of the Government G. S. and of the people.

# Suger Growing in Fiji.

The Sydney Morning Herald says : The Colonial Sugar Company has entered upon an undertaking of great magnitude, for the purpose of developing the sugar growing resources of the Fiji Islands. Their scene of operations is on the Rewa river, about twelve miles from the ocean, where about twelve miles from the ocean, where a considerable area of country has been planted with young cane during the past few mouths. Before long there will be a colony of Buropeans and natives in the employ of the company. The first vessel to trade between here and the new settlement is the steamer Fiona, Captain W. A. Curphey, which leaves Sydney immediately, with twenty mechanics and about sixty vanities.

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laborers, to commence the work of crecting a large sugar mill on the banks of the Rewa. The steamer is loaded with plant and stores, including material for the corstruction of houses, piles for wharves, and a pile-driving machine; also a steam launch. for towing lighters, etc. After discharging cargo, the Fiona will return to Sydney for another load, as nearly all the tools, timber, stores, etc., required for the enterprise will have to be taken from Sydney. The sugar making plant has been constructed in England, and is now being shipped direct to Fiji, the total weight of the ironwork, etc., being between 2,500 and 3,000 tons. The cost of the mill, when completed, including a fleet of tugs and lighters, will be between £80,000 and £100,000, and it will be capable of turning out 350 tons of sugar per week, with night and day work. But the plant will not be worked to its fullest extent for two or three years, as the requisite land cannot be brought under cultivation in a shorter time. The company also propose purchasing and crushing the farmer's cane, in the same way as they do on the Clarence and Tweed rivers.

# Pre-Historic Lore.

What Ancient Wise Men and Chaldean Magi knew over 4000 years ago, is beautifully illustrated from a wonderful library of burnt brick tablets, exhumed at Ninevell. From one of these technical books, compiled by ancient philosophers and observers, after the manner of our modern encyclopedias, a shape in which almost every nation able to write has compiled a synopsis of its own knowledge and wisdom, and the compilation of which is shown, and now universally admitted by oriental scholirs to have been made more than 2000 years before the birth of Jesus of Nazareth; there has been ascertained through the proof of actual translation, what has long been claimed and surmised—that ancient Chaldea was the parent or oldest land yet discovered and known to us, where the present signs of astronomy as now in use. were used, and the higher branches of astronomical science, and motions of the heavenly bodies, were systematically studied and understood. It is clearly demonstrated from this compilation, and from baked tablets of brick, upon which important records were impressed, that the Babylonians catalogued the stars, and distinguished and named the constellations; that they always arranged the twelve constellations that form our present zodiac to indicate the course of the sun's path in the heavens, as we now do. They divided time into weeks, months, and yearsdivided the week as we now have it into days-six days being for labor, and the seventh a day of rest, to which they gave a name, from which we have derived our word "Sabbath," and which day of rest from labor of every kind they observed as rigorously as the Jew or the Puritan. The motion of the heavenly bodies and the accompanying phenomena of the weather were noted down, and a connection detected and acknowledged, as M. de Per- R. LOVE & BROTHER, Proprietors, ville claims to have discovered, between the weather and the changes of the moon. Pilot, Medium and Navy Bread slways on hand and made to order Also, Water, Soda and Butter Crack-Professor Norman Lockyear, the eminent astronomer and associate of Balfour Stewart, of the Royal Commission on Solar Physics, Meldrum, and others equally distinguished as among the advanced British scientists, now admit that sun-spot cycles do most certainly exist, and their recent report, quoted in the proceedings of the Royal Society of England, clearly demonstrate their close connection and influence on the earth's atmospheric weather. In this, their recent discovery, arrived at after tabulating all possible observations obtainable from the past, our wise men have but rediscovered the wisdom of the ancients, clearly suggesting how little there a. SEGELKEN.

vented or used the sun-dial, most accurately made, and graded on an enormous scale, to mark the correct movements of the heavenly bodies; the water-clock, to measure time-and they describe in this work the spots in the sun's calorific atmosphere, a fact they could only have observed by the aid of some kind of telescope, be it the open shaft of a great pyramid or a smaller telescope fitted with rock-crystal lenses. Our modern astronomers are led to believe that they must have possessed some kind of efficient telescope, from the exact ob-servations which they noted on the rising of Venus, and the fact that Layard, the great explorer, found a crystrl lense in the

s new among our most advanced knowl-

rains of Nineveh. These hard baked brick tablets are found by the ton, and were stamped or marked with letters and words when plastic, before baking, and now remain to us, in perfect order, as the remains of the vast libraries of the past, destined to preserve to us much wisdom of former ages. Some contain a full account of their national version of the great Deluge, which they say was universal over the whole face of the earth; and others allude to more recent local deluges, at certain stated and intervening periods, caused by the disturbance of local and circumscribed areas of earth's crust. The account of the great Deluge is substantially the same as that narrated in the Hebrew Bible, except that they use differ-ent names in the description, which doubt-less are only their own translations of the ancient meanings of these same proper names, for all names once had a significance. These tablets disclose that houses and land were then sold, leased and mortgaged, and advertising was availed of; that money was loaned at interest, and that market gardeners worked on shares; that farmers, when plowing with their oxen, beguiled their labor with short and cheer-ful songs, of which several have been found and translated. Many of the usages of this very remote civilization are availed of to-day. One brick tablet of this mammoth public library is conspicuously posted in the form of a notice, requesting visitors to furnish the librarian with the number of

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